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Man Was Obliged to bight for His Life. Bricker of Rauchtown had quite a unique as well as thrilling exa loss to account for, but has no desire to again repeat, says the Philadelphia Times. Mr. Bricker is a laborer, and on the day in question, feeling some what indisposed, did not go to work. He was lounging in his house when he heard a peculiar noise in the third story or attic. Supposing at first that the noise was created by mice and rats frolicking about, he paid little attention to it, but the continued and increasing discordant screeching, combined with the swish of wings and an everlasting pit-pat, as made by birds flying against something, aroused Bricker sufficiently to institute an investigation. Alone he went to the attic and was at once nonplused and astounded to see the small room literally black with bats, flying helter-skelter and attacking every inanimate object in sight. When Bricker first saw the bats he had no thought of self-protection from danger, but imagined they would frighten at his approach and leave. But in this he was mistaken. Hardly had he gotten fairly into the room until the bats, in perfect swarms, flew at him. Their sharp claws and stiff wings as they flew in his face and alighted on his hands made many painful abrasions, and it was with difficulty the man was enabled to secure a short stick, luckily lying near, with which state of health of his imperial highto defend himself. Striking right and ness, he is said to have struck everyleft, Bricker went for the mou -like birds, and with every stroke dull pearance. However, the following exthud on the floor told of one less bat. But the birds were in for fight, and the more killed the more it appeared came at the man. Just how long the struggle continued Bricker has no idea of reckoning. It could not have been more than five minutes, but to him it seemed like an hour or more. Finally, when the swarm of bats began to grow manifestly smaller under the sure Dr. Arend, medical assistant, and when stroke of Bricker's club, they began to scatter, and with one parting screech took a hasty leave. Covered with blood on face and hands, and suffering no little pain, Bricker took a survey of the room, and for the first time realized the execution he had been able to do. The floor was covered with dead and disabled bats, the latter still screeching, flopping about and endeavoring to get away. These were dispatched as soon as possible and without any mercy, and then the man made a count of the dead birds. He found fifty-three in all, and he is positive that

fully twice that many escaped. The

bats entered the attic through an open

window, but where they all came from

is a mystery. There are a number of

caves in the immediate vicinity, but

they have mostly been explored and very few bats ever noticed. And then

the time of their visit being made in

daytime is another strange occurrence,

as bats habitually fly at night, or after

small birds he is ready to bring assur-

by his badly scratched face and hands.

THE HOLY ALLIANCE.

Alexander of Bussia a Man of Beligious

The Emperor Alexander of Russia

was a man of a mystical, it may be

said a superstitious, habit of mind,

deeply impressed with the divine right of kings, and, it must be added, with

a corresponding conviction of the obli-

gation to govern according to what he

regarded as Christian principles, says

the Nineteenth Century. He proposed,

therefore, that the sovereigns in con-

gress should enter into a holy alliance,

in which each pledged himself person-

ally to rule according to the Christian

standard, and to come to the assistance

of any other in the case of domestic

as well as international difficulty.

Lord Castlereagh, as the representative

of this country, demurred to a pledge

which his sovereign could not under-

take independently of parliament. But

he desired to avoid all possibility of

disagreement with the other powers,

and especially not to offend the suscep-

tibilities of a personage who had been

so influential in overcoming the com-

mon enemy; and after correspondence with Lord Liverpool at home, the

prince regent wrote a friend; letter

sympathy with the aims of the other

ground of constitutional necessity from

entering, on his own part, into any

obligations such as were proposed.

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general outcome of the settlement was

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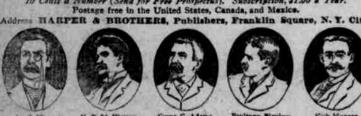
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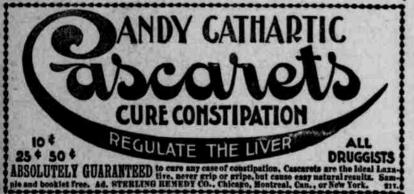
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AUSTRIAN ROMANCE. Alleged Marriage of Archduke to the Daughter of an Eugineer. A sensational statement has been disseminated by several Continental perience the other day, which he is at newspapers to the effect that the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir presumptive to the Austrian throne, and who represented the Austrian Court at the queen's jubiles, had been secretly married to one Fraulein Hussman, daughter of an engineer at Kohlscheid. A brother of the lady is a Roman Catholic priest at Ruhrort, and another is a retured oloth merchant at Essen. There was some tendency to suspend judgment before rejecting these reports, which originated at Aix-la-Chapelle, because of the well known romantic propensities of the members of the house of Hapsburg. One of these archdukes married a village postmaster's daughter, another wedded an actress and yet another casting his royal rank to the winds and taking a plebian station, wedded an Austrian soubrette, and shiled away into oblivion. A very emphatic semi-official denial was promptly issued at Vienna, describing the alleged marriage as "a ridiculous invention." Thereupon the Vienna papers began to busy themselves with inquiries concerning the archduke's movements. Last week, it is stated, his imperial highness passed several days in Styria, and he is now in Hungary, whither he went, according to report, to take part in the reception of the German emperor. As regarding the one in Hungary with his robust aptraordinary explanation of the rumors was published in Berlin by the Kreus Zuitung, a highly responsible conservative paper, which describes that the whole story originated in a barefaced fraud by a designing scoundrel who passed himself off as the Austrian heir presumptive. The supposed archduke addressed himself to the young lady as established in the family's good graces revealed his pretended imperial status.

SOLD AT CHURCH.

"A man would hardly imagine that

He persuaded the young lady to go to

London to be married. On Septem-

ber 8th she celebrated her birthday in

the midst of a large family circle at

the house of her brother, a Catholic

priest, the future bridegroom also be-

ing present. On September 10th the

couple disappeared, the young lady

leaving a letter, in which she stated

she was going into "the wide world."

It is feared, adds the Kreuz Zeitung,

that the soi-disant doctor is an agent

for procuring girls, since it appears

that he made attempts to take away

the young sister of his fiance also, but

without success. The missing girl was

the possessor of a little fortune of

about forty thousand marks in cash,

which she had probably taken with

twilight begins to fall. However that The Time When Slaves Marketed Melmay be, and come from where they did, ons on Sunday. Bricker had fifty-three bats to show

for his fight and prove the strange oc- negroes used to crowd around the front

currence, and to anyone who may think of that elegant church and sell waterit a small thing to be attacked by these melons on Sunday," said H. T. Powell, the well-known banker, recently. He ance that it is not, and can prove it referred to Mulberry Street Methodist church, one of the finest church buildings in Macon, says the Macon (Ga.) Telegraph. "But it is a fact," continued Mr. Powell. "I am not an old man (and everybody in the crowd looked with admiration at his tall, erect figure), but I can remember those scenes as well as if they were yesterday. It was before the war, when all the slaveowners allowed their industrious slaves an acre or so of land on which to raise watermelons or anything they chose. The negroes were given every Saturday afternoon to tend their patches and on Sundays were allowed to hitch a mule to a wagon and take their melons and other produce around to churches, camp meetings or elsewhere and sell them. It was a very common thing to see a man stop at a negro's watermelon pile and select a melon, pay for it and put it in his buggy and drive on home after church; and, indeed, children frequently clubbed in and bought melons from the slaves and ate them during the time between Surday school and preaching." In those days masters took great interest in the industry and enterprise of their slaves and did everything they could to encourage them. Nobody ever thought of objecting to or interfering with the negroes in their Sunday traffic.

expressing his personal interest and WOMEN IN UNIVERSITY LIFE.

sovereigns, while refraining on the Germany, Austria and Russia Only Great Countries to Discourage It. One of the reports of the educational department in England has a special The other powers had no such hesita- table devoted to the subject of the adtion. They undertook the sacred duty mission of women to university life. of crushing trouble at the beginning by Inquiries have been instituted as to the arrangements made for women stumovement, whether strictly domestic dents at 162 of the universities of the or not, which threatened to interfere zivilized nations in both hemispheres, with an established organization. The and 139 replies were received. The questions asked were: Are women admitted as members of the universities? tional aggression, supplemented by the special obligations of the members of the holy alliance to suppress internal disorders.

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TRAVELS OF AN OLD HAT.

From Tropic Mexico to Frigid Alaska and Still troing.

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Inside of the hat, securely wired and sealed, are some photographs—one of Jim Parker, an outlaw, who attempted to "hold up" the Atlantic and Pacific express at Peach Springs, Ariz., last February. He was captured, but escaped, after killing his jailer. He was recaptured and is now in jail at Prescott. There is also the photograph of a dead train robber, made an "angel" by A. C. Summers, an express messenger on the Albuquerque and Los Angeles division of the Atlantic and Pacific railway. The hat was worn by Summers, who started it out for Mexico with the injunction pasted inside for all messengers to attach their stickers and forward, and with the information that the hat would eventually be pre-sented to Mr. McKinley. The hat started for Mexico and came back loaded down with messages, humorous and otherwise, from the agents of the com-pany. To some of the tags are attached with sealing wax Mexican corn husk cigarettes, to others small bottles of pulque and mescal; a Mexican 43cent silver dollar is wired to the bottom, also a copper centavo. Nearly all the messages are in Spanish, and there are small photographs of Mexican bull fighters, pulque gatherers and comie pictures from the Mexican papers. There is also a rabbit's foot, a key, wax matches, aluminum tags, tin tops from beer bottles, car scals and tin types. The route the hat took can be traced all through Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and the northwest, back through Nebraska, lowa, Topeka, Kan., and now to Kansas City. On several of the tags are earnest injunctions to keep the hat well iced en route. It is an expressman's joke and carries well. Where the old hat will come to a stop it is hard to say, because it is quite likely that when there is no more room left for tags an addition will be sewed on,

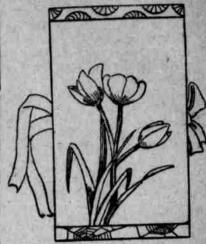
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